F.C.I. Network in West Bengal

519. SHRI GURDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the FCI has decided to withdraw its network from West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. Legislation on

Minimum Wages

520. PROF.C.LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of States which have yet to legislate wages for informal agricultural and construction sections;

(b) what is the range of minimum wages in the States which have legislated in this regard; and

(c) whether there are any State Governments which have updated the legislations on minimum wages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 is applicable to the whole of India except the State of Sikkim. The minimum wages fixed by various States/Union Territories under the Minimum Wages Act for agricultural and construction workers may be seen in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 39].

TV Relay Station in District Headquarters of Andhra Pradesh

521. PROF.C.LAKSHMANNA: SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts/district centres yet to be covered under T.V. transmission of LPT or other varieties in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) by when Government propose to cover all the districts under T.V. transmission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) Whereas all the 23 districts of Andhra Pradesh are covered by TV service, either wholly or partially, three district headquarter towns remain uncovered at present. These headquarter towns are also envisaged to be brought under TV coverage during the current financial year (1989-90) itself.

Short supply of special steel

522. PROF.C.LAKSHMANNA SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a short supply of special steel used in automobile industries;

(b) whether it is also a fact there is a foreign exchange drain due to the import of this category of special steel; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase the production of this special steel indigenously ?